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PARTY SPIRIT DECLINES AS WAR CRISIS DEEPENS

Praises High Standard Alberta Creamery Butter

ATMOSPHERE NOW CHANGES IN FACE OF NATIONAL NEED

Parliament Stirred by Fall of
Singapore—Arrange for
Secret Session

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Plebiscite on Overseas Service
Separate Issue With Prospect
Hidden in Mist

By M. McDUGALL
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Feb. 18th.—This week will see the end of the Debate on the Speech from the Throne, and about the first business at its close will be the passage of the measure calling for the plebiscite on man power.

It will undoubtedly pass by a wide margin. There have been seven or eight "bolters" from the Government side on the plebiscite issue, but the rank and file stand firmly behind the Government's policy.

Parliament has heard a great deal about compulsory service, pro and con, but the plebiscite of course is only to decide whether the Government is to be freed from its pledge not to adopt the compulsory system for overseas.

The thing hidden in the mist is whether the plebiscite will give a favorable answer, and whether if it does what the Government's policy will be. There have certainly been a very considerable number of members from Quebec who have stood out very decidedly against the principle of compulsory service.

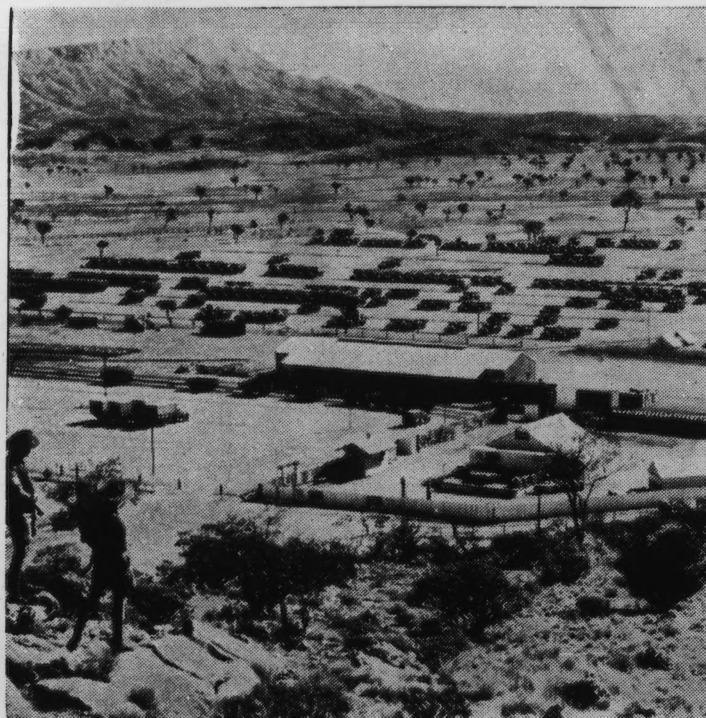
Parliament Deeply Stirred

The news of the fall of Singapore, the most distressing war event since the capitulation of France, has stirred Parliament as well as the whole country very deeply. The news, and the warning from Mr. Churchill that "one crime only" can rob us of final victory, "a weakening in our purpose, therefore in our unity", must have a profound effect on all Canada.

Mr. King has added his earnest appeal for unity, and there can be no doubt that the whole atmosphere of the House shows an increased determination to set aside partyism in politics and throw the whole weight of the deliberations of Parliament into the fullest development of the war effort. At the present hour the most urgent phase of the war effort is the \$600,000,000 war loan before the public.

Within the next few days, that is immediately at the conclusion of the present debate, Parliament will hold a secret session in which Canada's defence and the whole course of the war will be discussed. Both Hanson and Coldwell have urged the session in camera, when members may hear whatever secret information may have been sent to the Government and may

Supplies Pour to North Australia



As Dunkirk was prelude to the Battle of Britain, so the fall of Singapore is regarded by Premier John Curtin as inaugurating the Battle of Australia. Our kinsmen down under are mobilizing all their resources in industry and manpower to meet the threat. In preparations for defence, Alice Springs (above) in the heart of the Australian desert, has a great role to play. Situated about the middle of the continent, it marks the beginning of a military, four-line highway, rapidly built since the war began, to connect a railway from the south with Port Darwin, on the North coast. Over it are no doubt being rushed today supplies needed to strengthen northern defences against invasion. Today Java remains the chief outpost of Australian defence.

Speak their minds freely. Very naturally details of defense on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts must not become public property, as they would be of assistance to the enemy.

It has been equally natural that members from East and West have been anxious about the possibilities of attack. They have before them the present predicament of our sister Dominions, Australia and New Zealand. These members have urged an immediate discussion of the situation in camera. In a recent sitting of the House the Prime Minister gave a complete statement of the way the R.C.M.P. are handling the Japanese problems of the West with the object of pulling the teeth of potential sabotage and fifth column activity.

Selective Service

Canada will soon witness the progressive application of the National selective service by which the best use will be made of the man and woman power of the country through a balanced program. There is no question of attempting to arrive at any hard and fast priority system for the various branches of the war
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McCALLUM GIVES REVIEW ALBERTA'S PRODUCTION YEAR

All Time High in Dairy Production
—Quality Shows Gratifying
Advance

LABOR SHORTAGE

Shortage Will Affect Factories as
Well as Farms, Declares
Dairy Commissioner

Congratulating all concerned upon the high standard attained in recent years for creamery butter, which in 1941 attained the record high point with 88.4 per cent first grade, D. H. McCallum, Dairy Commissioner for the Province, speaking in Calgary at the Alberta Dairy Convention, gave an extensive review of the most active year in dairy production in the history of the Province. He reported a gratifying improvement in factory cheese quality also.

All Time High

"Dairy production," Mr. McCallum pointed out, "reached an all time high for Alberta in 1941. The total milk produced amounted to 1,800,968,900 pounds, of which 68.1 per cent was utilized in the manufacture of dairy products and 31.9 per cent consumed in the fresh fluid form. Production of creamery butter, factory cheese and evaporated milk exceeded that of any previous year."

Creamery butter production was 35,350,000 pounds, increase 18.6 per cent over 1940 and of 13.1 per cent over previous high in 1938. Factory cheese total of 3,110,000 pounds was also an all-time record.

"Returns to producers for dairy products is fast becoming a major source of farm income," said the Commissioner. "During the year under review, total value of dairy products increased from 19-1/2 million dollars to 28 million dollars, representing an increase of 43-1/2 per cent and the highest value since 1920, when abnormally high prices reflected in a greater value."

One Big Handicap

Mr. McCallum described one of the biggest handicaps of the industry as the low average production of our cows. Seasonal fluctuations in production were a distinct handicap, and if it were possible to level out production, so that an even supply were assured, capacity of factories would be doubled.

Mr. McCallum stressed the difficulties arising from scarcity of labor, affecting farms and likely to affect factories seriously.

Central Alberta, Vegreville and Acadia, Coronation district implement co-operatives. They elected as directors Messrs. Peterson, Wetaskiwin; A. Davie, Briar Ridge, B.C. Block; and Norman F. Priestley, Calgary. The Board of Directors are meeting today.

C.C.I.L. to Begin Operations as Soon as Conditions Met

Capital Subscribed \$300,000—To
Press Organization—Elect
Alberta Directors

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)
SASKATOON, Feb. 18th.—Delegates to the annual meeting of Canadian Co-operative Implements, Ltd., meeting here yesterday, endorsed a directors' recommendation that the co-operative commence operations when in the opinion of the Board sufficient capital has been paid up, and when supplies of machinery are available of recognized quality and savings to members are indicated.

War time restrictions have been frankly faced, but the delegates are determined to continue organization. Subscribed capital of C.C.I.L. now exceeds \$300,000, of which \$220,000 is cash.

Alberta delegates were present from Wetaskiwin, Battle River, Peace Riv-

Canada's Agricultural Policy for 1942-43

Recommendations by the Board of Directors of United Grain Growers Limited,
Presented to the Government of Canada, February 2nd, 1942

Canadian agricultural policy for the crop year 1942-43 should be announced by the Government with as little delay as possible in order that farmers' plans may be adjusted thereto. Such a policy must be primarily based on effective co-ordination of the productive powers of agriculture with Canada's war effort and all other considerations must be subordinated to that end. Production is required of those commodities which will most effectively fit into the war needs of Canada, Great Britain and other allied countries.

In planning to that end, account will have to be taken of such new situations as have been created by the entry of the United States into the war, the obligations which were recently assumed at Washington by the twenty-six allied countries and the new financial arrangements made or to be made between Canada and Great Britain. Once the production goal is determined, it will follow that prices available should be sufficient to make sure of such goal being reached and a sufficient total agricultural income should be available to insure efficient operation of the agricultural industry.

Co-ordinating Agricultural Policy With War Effort

It is important that the Government of Canada should indicate, to whatever extent is possible, just what quantities of different agricultural commodities are required. Agricultural organizations could advise the Government what steps are necessary to secure the specified result. In giving such specifications the Government would have both Canadian information and information from associated governments more complete and more detailed than can be available elsewhere.

The statement published here was adopted by the Board of Directors of United Grain Growers, Limited, on January 8th, 1942, and recommendations contained therein were presented to the Government of Canada on February 2nd, 1942, by a delegation from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. This statement of United Grain Growers, Ltd., was incorporated completely in the Federation's presentation.

However, even with all the information now at its command it is unlikely that the Government would be able to predict now just what will be the calls on Canada for agricultural products during the next eighteen months before the end of the crop year, or what may be the different needs of Great Britain, the United States, Russia or other allied and associated countries.

Consequently there is required the best generalization possible at the present moment. There is little possibility of any shortage of wheat during the next eighteen months. On the other hand, it is desirable that there should be produced the maximum quantities of livestock and livestock products of which this country is capable. We desire to suggest that point of view to the Government and if the Government concurs, urge that it should make official announcement without delay to that effect. Farmers will then know what is expected of them, and will undoubtedly make every effort to comply.

Guaranteed Continuing Minimum to Ensure Maximum Production

On the foregoing assumption, and in order to bring about such maximum production of livestock and livestock products, we urge that the Govern-

ment immediately announce that presently prevailing prices for livestock and livestock products are guaranteed to farmers for a definite period. Such a guarantee, while not providing a high price level, would remove the fear of price collapse, which is now an important factor in preventing maintenance or expansion of livestock operations on many farms. It would correspond in principle with the procedure followed in specifying prices when government orders are given for munitions or other industrial materials needed for the war program. The most useful guarantee would be one for approximately two years ahead, to the end of 1943. But a guarantee would still be very effective if extended to the end of the next crop year at July 31st, 1943. From time to time as the need for livestock and livestock products continues, the guarantee should be extended for a further period.

Guarantee Respecting Feed Grains Required

In order that farmers, either in eastern Canada or elsewhere, who have to buy feed grains, may plan their operations in confidence, we urge that the Government make a corresponding guarantee that a sufficient quantity of feed grains will be available to them at prices consistent with the present level of livestock prices. The latter guarantee is one that the Government can easily make, for if weather conditions should prevent a normal production of coarse grains, the Government will only have to open its bins to make wheat available for feeding purposes.

There need be no concern lest such a program should bring about a larger production than will be required should the war come to an end before the expiry of the guarantee. The earlier victory comes, provided it is complete, the greater will be the satisfaction of the allied countries and the less the cost to them, and there will be no worry over the fact that vast quantities of munitions and supplies are then on hand of which no use has been made. But quite apart from that fact, it is reasonable to expect a very large continuing overseas demand for livestock and livestock products.

Whether to implement such guarantees as are suggested would require any machinery additional to that presently operating need not now be determined. If additional machinery proves to be necessary, it can be set up as required.

From livestock and livestock products attention can now be turned to grain production. In that connection wheat will be last considered, as the program for other crops than wheat requires primary attention.

60 Cents per Bus. Guarantee for Feed Barley

Because of the extent to which the use of barley is desirable in producing the high-grade bacon, which Canada desires to furnish to Great Britain, it is important to encourage a large barley acreage in those areas of Western Canada suited to its production. For the crop year 1941-42 the Government encouraged barley seeding by giving a bonus of \$2.00 per acre for former wheat acreage

transferred to barley production. A more satisfactory plan for the coming year would be announcement by the Government that a minimum price of 60 cents per bushel basis Fort William, Port Arthur or Vancouver will be guaranteed for barley meeting the specifications for the standard feed grades. That approximates the present market price of barley and is a few cents below the ceiling price for malting barley. With the freight assistance policy of the Dominion Government, which should be continued during the war, it should assure to eastern and Pacific coast farmers supplies of barley at a price at which they can afford to feed it to hogs.

Oats in western Canada are for the most part grown to be used on the farms where they are produced and the most effective encouragement to a reasonably large acreage in oats will be such a livestock policy as is above suggested.

Increased Production of Flax Is Needed

A considerable increase in Canadian flaxseed production is an obvious need, on account of the scarcity of oils and fats on this continent, resulting from the shutting off of supplies formerly obtained from trans-Pacific sources. The present ceiling on flax prices, of \$1.64 per bushel, combined with the lack of a guarantee of a minimum price, is an impediment in the way of such an increase. A guarantee that the price would not fall below \$1.64 per bushel might bring about some, but an insufficient increase. A guarantee of \$2.25 or \$2.50 per bushel, the approximate equivalent of the guarantee extended to farmers in the United States, would be much more effective. Some diversion of land from wheat to flax would result, a change undoubtedly desirable in view of production needs. While production in excess of actual needs would be unlikely, if it should occur, adjustment of flax production for the following year could easily be made.

Elements of Canada's

Wheat Problem

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CANADA'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY FOR 1942-43

duction of products other than wheat. There have to be answered these questions:

- (a) What wheat acreage is it desirable for farmers to seed in 1942?
- (b) What quantities of wheat will they be able to dispose of?
- (c) What price should be guaranteed for wheat?
- (d) What, if any, supplementary wheat income should be provided to farmers similar to that provided by acreage bonuses in 1941-42?

As to acreage it seems desirable that farmers should seed at least as large an acreage as in 1941 even although the immediate need for wheat is not pressing. That is because:

(1) It cannot be assumed that there will not be world need for substantial wheat production in the coming crop year.

(2) Although there is a considerable wheat surplus in Canada it is being reduced during the current crop year by the poor crop results obtained in 1941-42.

(3) It would be uneconomic to leave idle land that might be productively employed.

(4) The general economy of Canada and particularly of the West would be disrupted by leaving agricultural resources unemployed.

(5) Sound farming practice calls for efficient use of farm land and particularly of the large area prepared by summerfallowing in the summer of 1941.

(6) Prospective requirements for wheat in Europe after the war and doubtless in many areas before the war ends justify maintenance at a high level of Canadian stocks of milling wheat. Whether or not war developments before the end of the next crop year will be such as to bring Canadian wheat reserves into actual use cannot be predicted. But certainly allied strategy and allied plans are based on expectations that by such time it will be possible to bring about important changes. No lesser hopes or expectations should be entertained in making plans with respect to wheat than prevail in other parts of the war program. If a year from now no important changes appear to be in sight which will enlarge the outlets for Canadian wheat it will then be necessary to consider plans to meet the situation of the following year in the light of circumstances that then prevail.

Quantities of Wheat Deliverable

Whether or not such an acreage will produce more or less wheat than there is room for will depend upon weather conditions. There will be room for marketing and farmers should be allowed to dispose of a quantity of wheat equivalent to the following:

(1) Wheat exported overseas during the year to Great Britain and other countries.

(2) Wheat milled for domestic consumption in Canada during the crop year.

(3) Wheat sold out of storage for feeding purposes on this continent.

(4) A quantity of wheat equivalent to the quantity by which sales during the current year by farmers have been exceeded by exports and sales for domestic consumption.

Whatever the marketable quantity is found to be, it will have to be allocated among farmers on a definite plan. So that they can plan their operations as well as possible in advance, they should be informed of the basis of delivery allocation, and the most satisfactory method would be a continuance of that followed during a portion of the current crop year, with deliveries based on quotas, enlarged from time to time, and based on the "basic acreage" for 1941, which generally speaking, was 65 per cent of the acreage seeded in 1940.

Such quotas, however, should apply only to millable wheat. Farmers should be able to dispose of feeding wheat in quantities fully equal to the quantities sold for feeding purposes. There is no need for any other restriction on delivery of such wheat,

nor is it desirable to restrict deliveries of high grade wheat just because certain quantities of feed wheat have been produced and marketed.

Minimum Price Basis at Least \$1.00 per Bus.

As to price, it is evident that a considerable increase from the basic Wheat Board price of the current year is required, and particularly if the provisions for supplementary income by way of acreage bonuses which have been in effect during the current year are not again made. The basic Wheat Board price for No. 1 northern at the head of the lakes or at Vancouver should not be less than \$1.00 a bushel, and such an amount could be suggested as a sufficient basis for Western agriculture only if provision such as has been suggested is made in respect to livestock and feed grains.

With respect to price, the following should be pointed out:

(a) Because of new financial arrangements either made or in the making between Canada, Great Britain and other allies in the conflict, Canada is no longer to be thought of as selling wheat either to Great Britain or other of the allied countries which may require it. It is rather financing as well as furnishing wheat and other supplies and munitions as part of the common war effort. The question of price paid to farmers who supply such wheat is a matter which no longer concerns other governments but is one for settlement only between the Government of Canada and the farmers concerned. Farmers of Canada in virtue of their citizenship are playing their full part in bearing the common burden of supporting all phases of the war effort. It is not possible for them even if they were both able and willing to make a special contribution to Great Britain by furnishing wheat at less than the cost of production.

(b) The price ceiling policy of the Dominion Government, which applies to wheat as well as to flour and bread, has removed most of the significance from ordinary marketing procedure in supplying wheat to be milled into flour for consumption in Canada. The price to be paid for such wheat is no longer regulated by market factors but mainly by government policy. It will be only logical to take one additional step and to have wheat to be milled in Canada furnished to the mills by the Canadian Wheat Board at a definite price, which in order to carry out the price control policy completely may well be a price less than is paid to farmers for the wheat.

Low Initial Price Not Now Justified

(c) The present method of operation of the Canadian Wheat Board with an initial price and the issue of participation certificates on which subsequently net proceeds from sales might be distributed was based on conditions which formerly prevailed and have disappeared for the remainder of the war. It is not possible this year to justify a comparatively low initial price to farmers by the possibility that at some future date they may get a subsequent payment on participation certificates.

(d) 70 cents per bushel as a basic price has already been recognized by the Government as inadequate by the provision of supplementary acreage bonuses in 1941-42, amounting quite outside of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act to \$50,000,000.

(e) 87-1/2 cents per bushel was during three successive years recognized by two successive Governments of Canada as the lowest price which could properly be guaranteed to western farmers even under conditions which enabled them to market their full production and before production costs had risen to present levels.

(f) \$1.25 per bushel is approximately the level recently prevailing for wheat prices in the United States. When the United States and Canada were allied during the last war, a common level of wheat prices was provided in the two countries. Under

conditions which now prevail for the remainder of the war, the economies of the two countries must be integrated to an extent which will make desirable less disparity in wheat prices than now prevails between Canada and the United States.

For these reasons we suggest that the simplest and most practicable wheat plan for the coming year will be as follows:

(1) The Wheat Board to be authorized to accept delivery from producers of wheat of milling grades, at prices based on not less than \$1.00 per bushel, basis No. 1 Northern at a head of the lakes or Vancouver, up to a quantity not pre-determined in advance, but based on actual dis-appearances.

Remove Feeding Wheat From Quota Restrictions

(2) Feeding wheat to be marketed by farmers under conditions which apply to the marketing of other feed grains and without quota restrictions except such as may be found necessary from time to time to regulate deliveries in accordance with actual demands for feed grain. We recognize that the sale price for such wheat will have to be in accordance with prices actually prevailing for livestock and other feed grains, but appropriate action should be taken to prevent prices for low grade wheat falling below approximate present market levels.

As above indicated, the foregoing recommendations are based on the belief that the Government will not consider the special forms of acreage bonuses applied in 1941-42 suitable for the coming crop year to supplement an otherwise inadequate wheat income and consequently a substantial price increase is required. It might be pointed out that the 1941 bonuses given with respect to acreage transferred from wheat to those grains, were of unequal benefit to different sections of the West in supplementing farm income and also of unequal effect in securing transfer of acreage. In view of the substantial increase in summerfallow resulting from the sum-

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merfallow bonus in 1941, presumably the Government will deem it better for the coming crop year to allow the land management program on each farm to take such form as may seem to the operator to be sound farming practice. These comments do not imply any criticism with respect to
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"INTO THE STORM"

The crisis deepens. On almost every front the free world faces grave reverses, which must inevitably prolong the war.

In 1942 we move forward, in Churchill's words, "into the storm". Months, perhaps years, will pass before—our resources fully girt for war—we shall pass "through the storm". We must face these bitter years "steadfastly together".

It is time that Canada moved forward to greater effort than has yet even been envisaged. It is time to still every factional fight and (much more firmly guided by the principle of "equality of sacrifice" than in the past), to press into total war.

Among the United Nations, the people of China have been engaged in total war these five years. Their sacrifices for a cause which is ours as well as theirs have been immeasurable, dwarfing the contributions to the cause of human freedom in blood and sweat and toil and tears of all other peoples.

The Russians, scorching their beloved earth, have paid a bigger price in eight months of unrelenting struggle than have any other Western people.

The British since Dunkirk have set all of us a shining example, and have lived in the spirit of total war.

Australia, now in peril, is feverishly mobilizing every resource in materials and men. Conscription of wealth, there, as in New Zealand, is to be made real.

Canada has done well. Our industrial transformation has earned the praise of our neighbors. But we have seemed remote, we have not approached near to total effort because our spirit has been in some degree aloof.

War for us was a distant tragedy. We, like our neighbors who were not at war, continued to make our excellent 1942 model cars in quantity, and to use skill and material needed for war in fashioning other goods for our convenience and comfort.

Materials which were to be needed at Hong Kong, in Malaya and in the Indies, in the form of planes and tanks and guns and ships, were converted into luxury cars to give pleasure to North Americans as they travelled over their magnificent highways.

The British people have a right to discuss in a critical spirit the events of the past few weeks. Our criticism would be more to the point, and certainly likely to bring to ourselves and the United Nations greater profit, if it were turned inward.

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VICTORY LOAN

Meanwhile, for Canadians the immediate undertaking is the Victory Loan.

This is no time to be academic. This week is really no time to argue as to methods of financing our war effort, nor is next.

The loan, if the response of the Canadian people is sufficiently large, will in fact be an important factor in the conversion of the Dominion to a war-time economy.

It is to be hoped that the campaign will prove to be an overwhelming success, because it is the one instrument, ready to hand, by which, at this particular moment, Canadians can most clearly express their will to victory.

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A NOTABLE PRESENTATION

The statement on Canadian agricultural policy for 1942-43 prepared by the United Grain Growers is a comprehensive and thorough survey of the problems with which the industry is faced. It contains well thought out and constructive suggestions for their solution. The document was incorporated in the presentation of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to the Dominion Government.

The presentation stresses the importance of co-ordinating agricultural policy with the war effort, and indicates means by which this may effectively be done. It is made abundantly clear that stability in agriculture at a satisfactory level of production, depends (as the Dominion Government has in the past failed to recognize) in great measure upon a satisfactory solution of the problem of prices.

It is pointed out that when the principle of price ceilings is applied to agricultural products it should "just as logically be accompanied by provision for minimum prices as the ceiling on wages is accompanied by provisions for maintaining wages and a cost-of-living bonus." It is "as proper to specify definite prices for agricultural products which are required for the war effort and for war-time use, as it is to provide definite prices to be paid for other supplies and munitions ordered by the Government."

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ANNOUNCEMENT OVERDUE

Announcement by the Dominion Government of its agricultural policy for the coming crop year is overdue. Weeks have passed since the Government promised early consideration of the proposals submitted by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the large delegation of farmers from the West, mobilized by the Wheat Pools, who went to Ottawa to present their views and did so most convincingly.

Enemy Penetrates to Caribbean



First enemy attack on the land of the Western Hemisphere occurred Monday, when oil installations on the Netherlands West Indies island of Aruba, shown in map, were shelled by a submarine. Damage was slight. Three tankers were torpedoed and a fourth damaged. Aruba is 700 miles from the Panama Canal. It is believed that one submarine has been sunk by the U.S. Navy.

WAR DIARY

Feb. 5th.—Japs pound N.E.I. bases; British hold Salween River lines in Burma. Nazi drive in Libya 50 miles from Tobruk.

Feb. 6th.—U.S. tanker is 17th ship torpedoed off Atlantic coast. Nazi reinforcements reach Russian front by air. Roosevelt says Pacific council in operation.

Feb. 7th.—Denying Jap report, N.E.I. communique says fleet intact. Heavy Russian tanks meet stiffer Nazi resistance west of Moscow; fierce fighting in Rzhev area. Berne report says Vichy to aid Nazis in North Africa. Survivors from torpedoed Canadian freighter reach east Coast in open boats.

Feb. 8th.—Japs land on Singapore island, bomb Surabaya; Cairo says Ain El Gazala still in British hands. London believes Vichy ships conveying Axis supplies in Mediterranean; U.S. presses Vichy for statement. Admiralty announces loss of destroyer *Metabele*. Russian gains in Leningrad sector and in Donets basin reported. Stafford Cripps urges all possible support for Russia, says Germans may be defeated in year. Nazi engineer Todt said killed in plane crash.

Feb. 9th.—Tokyo claims capture airport ten miles from Singapore city. Moscow says Nazis in Russia short of ammunition for big guns. British hold Tobruk. Former French liner *Normandie* gutted by fire.

Feb. 10th.—Japs close in on Singapore, make new landings on Celebes; cross Salween river, enter Martaban. Heavy fighting at Bataan. U.S. naval force at New Zealand. Moscow states 80 cities, 48,000 towns and villages, retaken from Nazis up to February 7th. British submarines sink one, probably two, enemy supply ships in Mediterranean. Australia pegs wages, prices, profits, interest.

Feb. 11th.—Singapore city burning. Chinese aid British in Burma; Japs in strong attempt to cross Salween at Paan. Netherlands Vice-Admiral Helfrich succeeds U.S. Admiral Hart in West Pacific command. Nazis hold out in Rzhev. Vichy imposes curfew on Jews.

Feb. 12th.—Nazi warships *Scharnhorst*, *Gneisenau*, escorted by *Prinz Eugen*, other vessels, fleets of fighter planes, get through English Channel to Heligoland Bight in bad weather, visibility low. Singapore defenders in delaying action. Japs occupy capitals Celebes, New Britain.

Feb. 13th.—Japs two miles from centre Singapore city. U.S.S.R. forces reach White Russia, states Moscow. Cripps says Russian industries beyond Urals have doubled and trebled production.

Feb. 14th.—Singapore reservoirs said still in British hands. Defending forces in Burma reinforced by R.A.F. planes and pilots. Jap parachutists in assault on Palembang, Sumatra, great oil centre. Russian advance threatens Smolensk. Widespread British de-

mand for Cabinet changes, following Singapore defeats and passage Nazi ships through Channel. U.S. begins inquiry into *Normandie* disaster.

Feb. 15th.—Fall of Singapore announced by Churchill in broadcast; appeals for united, courageous, effort in face of reverses. Defenders begin destruction oil refineries at Palembang. Japs advance in Burma, having effected second crossing of Salween. R.A.F. squadron downs 20 enemy planes in Libya, damages others of fleet of 30 without losses. Nazis believed trying to outflank Tobruk. Russians score more advances. Nazis impose additional severe repressive measures on Poles.

Feb. 16th.—Enemy submarine fires on oil plants on Netherlands West Indies island of Aruba, sinks three tankers. Japs push close to Burma road; take Palembang; Netherlands fire oil fields, plants. Some R.A.F. personnel, as well as women, children, wounded, said evacuated from Singapore before surrender. Fierce fighting on north, south, centre Russian fronts.

Feb. 17th.—People of Java warned attack near. British hold new line at Bilin River, Burma. One or more enemy submarines believed hit by U.S. bombers in Caribbean. Ten thousand Greeks die of starvation each month, says Ankara report. Russians reported in Novgorod. R.A.F. sinks two enemy ships in Bay of Biscay, scores hits on three Italian warships in Mediterranean. Churchill says *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* damaged in battle of English Channel. Australia mobilizes all manpower, resources, for war.

Feb. 18th.—Chinese troops cross Thailand border. Japs bomb Surabaya, bring reinforcements to Philippines. British lines hold in Burma. N.E.I. governor van Mook appeals to United Nations to take offensive against Japs. Chiang-Kai-Shek confers with Ghandi, after talks with Nehru and other Indian leaders. Enemy submarines again seen near Aruba, driven off by U.S. bombers. Admiralty announces two convoys recently brought through Mediterranean with loss of only one freighter. Russian navy shells Nazi positions on Gulf of Finland, also in Crimea.

New U.F.A. Locals

U.F.A. Locals recently organized or reorganized include the following:

Douglas, near Ardrossan. Organized by William Runte. Neil McLean is president and Mrs. Mary Davidson secretary.

Reid Hill, near Vulcan. Ross Walker, President, and N. Scotney, Secretary, were the organizers.

Enilda-Big Meadow, organized by L. Church. Meetings to be held alternately in the two halls. Officers, J. E. de Winter and Oscar Cauchie.

Brownvale, organized by W. J. Reyda. E. Davies and W. J. Griffin officers.

What is Wheat Price Parity?



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An Example of Co-operation

To Farmer Pool Members in Particular and Cream Shippers in General

By WILLIAM BURNS, President, Southern Alberta Dairy Pool

While reading the other day I came across the following very striking paragraph, which I thought was the best argument in favor of the Co-operative way of life that I had seen in many years. I am passing it along to you in the hope that if you have been in any way beginning to lose faith in the Co-operative movement, it will help you to regain your faith in the best method of living that has been yet discovered.

Co-operation Between United Nations

I quote: "The co-operative program of the United Nations is beginning to function. Dutch planes and submarines are aiding in the defence of the Philippines. American Tomahawk planes have turned up on the Leningrad front. Chinese troops are reinforcing the British. Ford is assembling 10,000 trucks for delivery to the Soviets. Massed Russian troops and planes on the Vladivostok peninsula immobilize an equal number of Japanese planes and men. Canada is sharing its gun and shell output with the United States while American plants are being converted."

What better illustration could anyone be given or want? Today the world is witnessing the greatest example of what can be accomplished by Co-operation that it has ever seen. The two great opposing forces in the world are demonstrating what co-operation can accomplish. The Nazis are compelled to use the com-

pulsory method, especially in the conquered countries of Europe. The Democracies on the other hand are demonstrating what co-operative principles applied in their best and truest form will accomplish.

I think added strength which the Democracies have gained from the pooling of resources will convince the most sceptical that co-operative principles properly applied provide the best means yet devised to help the human race to a better way of life.

Example Should Be Convincing

With such great partners in co-operation demonstrating how essential and necessary to their survival is the application of these principles to their efforts, surely it is not asking too much from the Farmers of Alberta to show they too fully believe in such methods by shipping all their cream to their nearest Pool creamery. With such examples between the greatest nations on earth it should not be necessary to say more to convince every farmer that his best hope lies in supporting the co-operative movements now under way in the Province of Alberta.

Results show there is a large number of farmers still supporting the competitive way of life, which we all agree is not the best. Let us demonstrate by our support of the Co-operative organizations that we believe in a better way of life, one which we hope the Democracies will be able to bring about in the near future by their application of the principles of Co-operation.

Estimated revenues of the Province for the coming fiscal year are \$21,268,723, and estimated expenditure \$18,769,273, according to the new budget. Net funded and unfunded debt at March 31st last was \$144,741,018, a decrease of over three millions from the previous year.

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— Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty.



My Concept of Co-operation

By WILLIAM H. HOPPINS, Huxley

We have great pleasure in presenting the following message from Mr. Hoppins, a life-long supporter of co-operation who was one of our first 500 contract signers. Mr. Hoppins was one of the men who helped to found the farm movement in Alberta, and has always been active in work for his fellows. His son, Wilfred Hoppins, is following the tradition. For some years he was President of the Junior U.F.A., and he is now a field man of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative.

Dear Members:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to write a few lines of appreciation of the Farm Co-operative movement in Alberta of which the Central Alberta Dairy Pool is an important part.

I was just a little hazy about the real meaning of co-operation until I heard the late U.F.A. President, H. W. Wood, define it in 1922. He used the words of Christ to his Apostles: "Help ye one another."

A Co-operative movement can only survive and prosper if the members of that association are properly grounded in co-operative principles and are guided by them in their daily lives. If we are co-operators today and competitors tomorrow we cannot expect to make any progress with our co-operatives.

Wise Leadership

Thanks to the wisdom and vision of Mr. Wood and the many sincere men and women who have led the farmer organizations in Alberta during the past 30 years, thousands of men and women on the farms are properly grounded in co-operative principles, which accounts in a large measure

for the excellent manner in which our organizations, including the cream pools, have weathered the storms that arise periodically to destroy weaker structures.

Another thought I would like to revive for you is that I believe co-operation starts at home. It is no use asking other people to co-operate unless we do it in our own homes. If we apply the principles of co-operation in our own homes rigidly, we will become more of a force in the community in helping to build our co-operative enterprises such as schools, churches, hospitals, roads, etc., as well as creameries, elevators, stores, etc. The co-operative principle should be the foundation for the operation of all these institutions and projects.

Must Criticize Ourselves

When we look at the abject misery, suffering and degradation the people

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Our 1941 Operations

Dear Members:

During the past year your various businesses have done very well. The statement for the year has been audited and the management statement will be sent to each member within the next two weeks. Following that, no doubt, as has been the practice during recent years, the regular annual report from your Board will be distributed.

Meantime, let us make sure, as I said in making a similar announcement a year ago, that we "see that every can of milk or cream gets to our plants."

Fraternally yours,

Geo. K. MacShane.

President.

Points in Preserving Milk and Cream Cans

Dairy Commissioner Describes Ways of Meeting Growing Shortage

Valuable suggestions as to ways and means of prolonging the life of milk and cream cans, which are now becoming in short supply, are made by D. H. McCallum, Dairy Commissioner in the Alberta Department of Agriculture. Factories are already beginning to experience difficulty in getting new cans, owing to restriction of use of essential metals to war industries.

There are many discarded cans throughout the country which could

be repaired and retinned through the creamery or cheese factory purchasing his product.

Dairy products and steel are both vital to Canada's war effort. This is a special appeal for all farmers to co-operate by putting into circulation all discarded milk or cream cans.

The Dairy Branch offers a few suggestions which will aid producers and factories in preserving the present supply in a satisfactory condition:

1. All cans should be properly washed, sterilized and dried before leaving the factory.
2. When cans are returned from the factory, remove the lids and turn upside down on a rack. Wash and scald with boiling water before filling with cream or milk.
3. Do not throw or batter cans. This practice opens seams and soon causes them to be discarded.
4. Empty cans should not be left exposed to the weather at the factory, farm or road side. This practice allows the lid to fill up with rain water which enters the can through the hole used for seals, causing rust.
5. Do not use milk or cream cans for hauling water or whey. This is bound to cause rusting.
6. Cans showing rust spots, whether discarded or still in use, should be taken to your dairy factory where

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YOUR WINTER PRODUCTION

The weather so far this winter has been for the most part excellent, enabling your Pool to give its membership the winter season Pick-up Service.

Just as new days bring new Problems, sometimes, so can they bring

Weather Changes—and perhaps temporarily unfavorable ones. In that case we bespeak now

YOUR CO-OPERATION

in seeing that every can of your Dairy Produce, either milk or cream, gets to your respective factories regularly.

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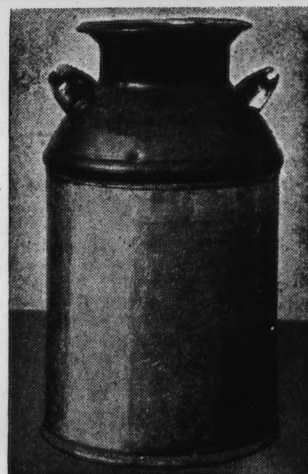
THE GOODS KEEP COMING IN

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be repaired and retinned at a reasonable cost. While a few years ago some tinning companies discontinued the practice of retinning cans due to the price of new ones, this is not the case today as new cans seem out of the question.

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they will be collected and forwarded for repairs and retinning.

Mr. McCallum also points out that the Dairy Industry can contribute further to the war effort by preserving and retinning all old milk and cream cans.

MY CONCEPT OF CO-OPERATION

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of many parts of Europe are experiencing at this time, we cannot fail to shudder at the hideousness of all this misapplied human effort. All this is caused by human selfishness and lust for power. Let us take stock of ourselves. I believe the people of Alberta are as good as any in the world today, but we must criticize ourselves the same as every state and nation in the world must realize its contribution of omission and commission toward this large human catastrophe.

What have we done to bring this about? Also what can we do to pre-

vent its recurrence? The answer is crystal clear: Co-operation. "Help ye one another."

If we have done our part, we must see that the people we come in contact with do theirs. If we have faith and persevere in our work, we can not only move mountains and build co-operatives, but also do our share to make this world a better place for all of us, no matter how long it takes. It takes Faith and Work and Patience—lots of it.

Not Correct Photograph

The Pool regrets that in sending in material for our Pool page recently, a mistake was made in the photograph selected for use with an article contributed by Mr. J. Alex Ross of Duhamel. The photograph was that of two other good supporters of the Pool, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Clark of Erskine.

menced for fitting production to such demands. There is the question of directing research to problems of agricultural production and markets and such expansion as is possible in the industrial use of agricultural products.

This Board of Directors desires to recommend that immediate attention should be given by the committee to assisting the Government in formulating peace objectives as related to agriculture. This Board believes that the committee should recommend that the Government of Canada take steps as promptly as possible, with the assistance of officers of the Department of External Affairs, to prepare an international wheat convention designed to make wheat a free trade commodity throughout the world.

Make Objective of Peace Table Conference

To such a convention it would be desirable to secure the adherence of allied countries before the end of the war and to make its acceptance by all countries an objective of peace table conferences. Such a step if successful, would do more to solve the agricultural problems of Canada than any other which can be contemplated. It would be in accordance with the terms of the Atlantic Charter issued by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt. It might go further with respect to wheat than will be found immediately practicable

Cancel Tours Owing to Rubber Shortage

Due to the rubber shortage, plans for a series of four tours have been cancelled by the Co-operative League of the U.S.A. The tours, made in private cars, were very successful last year.

More than two and a half billion pounds of food was shipped to Britain under the U.S. Lease-Lend bill up to November 15th, 1941.

with other branches of world trade, but it would give a lead in the development of world trade from which many important consequences would flow.

It is better now to seek to enlarge the international market than to accept the idea that international wheat trade after the war is to be hampered by continuance of such European trade restrictive policies as prevailed during the ten-year period preceding the war. Instead of contemplating and preparing to adjust herself to a future that would mean inevitable distress in western Canada, this country, devoting all its strength to bring about a better world, is entitled to hope that when victory is achieved there should be felt here as well as elsewhere the benefits of that better world.

Canada's Agricultural Policy for 1942-43

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the acreage bonus plan as applied in 1941-42, which as a temporary measure for one year admirably helped to solve to some extent certain farm problems.

Encouraging Transfer of Land to Grass

It seems desirable that there should be continued in some form the system of bonusing transfer of cultivated land to grass. While not of sufficient application to make any great difference in total farm income, it is recognized as desirable encouragement both to soil conservation and livestock farming.

It may be, however, that the Government will determine that to some extent western agricultural income for the coming crop year is to be partly furnished in the form of bonuses contingent on the adoption of certain farming practices. In that case we urge very strongly that no matter what the nature or extent of such bonuses, a very substantial increase in the basic Wheat Board price is required.

Ceilings Call for Guaranteed Minimum Prices

The foregoing recommendations are based on the idea of co-ordinating the agricultural effort of Canada as fully as possible with the war effort, and also of co-ordinating agricultural policies with other war-time policies adopted by the Government. One of the major policies of the Government is that of price control, by the placing

of a ceiling on prices. When that principle is applied to agricultural products it is just as logically accompanied by provision for minimum prices, as the ceiling on wages is accompanied by provisions for maintaining wages and for a cost of living bonus. As has already been pointed out, it is as proper to specify definite prices for agricultural products which are required for the war effort and for war-time use, as it is to provide definite prices to be paid for other supplies and munitions ordered by the Government.

Problems of Labor and Machinery

It is desired to call attention to two special circumstances which make necessary special consideration of the problem of agricultural production. One is the difficulties experienced by farmers, on account of the acute shortage of labor, the other the difficulty of securing adequate machinery. In allocating resources of man power and materials due regard to agricultural needs will be required to sustain agricultural production at necessary levels. But there is also required a price policy which will provide farmers with an incentive to production, which will furnish them with revenue from which wages and other production costs may be met, and which will make it clear to them how their efforts can best be applied in serving the present needs of the country.

Problems of Peace Time Re-adjustment

International Convention for Free Trade in Wheat Is Urged

In addition to the immediate problem of agricultural policy for the coming crop year, attention is required to problems which will emerge with the ending of the war. Particular attention is required to formulation of agricultural objectives which Canada should seek in conference with other countries at the peace table and before and after the peace negotiations.

The Board of Directors of United Grain Growers has already to some extent published an opinion in this connection contained in the last annual report to the shareholders as follows:

"As Canada prepares to take its part in the ordering of the post-war world it will be necessary to keep before the Government and the people of Canada the essential nature of Canada's agriculture, based so largely as it is upon export markets and particularly on the export of wheat. Restoration of conditions that will once again permit wheat to move freely in the commerce of the world must be one of the basic objectives of Canada. Such restoration will require more than a recognition of the need for Canadian agricultural produce abroad and the willingness of various countries to receive it. It will require solution of many economic problems such as

finance and shipping, and perhaps more than anything else a general recognition of the importance of international trade to the peace, the prosperity and the general economic structure of the world."

This Board notes with approval the appointment by the Government of a committee to deal with reconstruction problems which will arise after the war. It believes that all agricultural organizations should be prepared to co-operate with this committee in the study of post-war agricultural problems and of the part that agriculture can play in assisting the transfer of the Canadian economy from a war-time to a peace-time basis.

One problem which might particularly be studied in collaboration with such a body is that of a satisfactory and effective form of crop insurance without which the agricultural problems of western Canada cannot satisfactorily be solved.

There are many other matters which can properly be studied by the committee in question with the assistance of agricultural organizations. Such for example, is the question of the probable demands for agricultural products and livestock immediately after restoration of peace in Europe and preparations that should be com-

TIME TO BUILD UP YOUR U.F.A. LOCAL IS NOW

Every Local of our Organization is urged to carry out a vigorous canvass for membership during the weeks remaining before spring work begins.

Our Constitution provides for a period of three months' grace during which members whose dues are in arrears remain in good standing. The period expires on March 31st. To prevent lapses of membership it is therefore most desirable that a canvass of such members be made at this time.

The period remaining before the end of March is also a most favorable one for a drive to bring in new members.

In a letter which will be in the hands of every Local Secretary this week, President Robert Gardiner gives a comprehensive outline of the negotiations with respect to amalgamation which took place during the recent Conventions in Edmonton.

It is hoped that every member of our organization will make a special effort to attend the meeting of his or her Local at which this report will be presented for discussion.

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Interests of The United Farm Women

AMALGAMATION OF FORCES

Warwick Farm,
Edgerton, Alberta.

Dear Farm Women:

By the time this is being read our farm Conventions will be things well of the past and their various activities will go down in their organization histories. I must say I could wish they were still of the future, for I should have a very much happier feeling than I do now. I should be living with the expectation that these two representative farm organizations of this Province would have united. Instead of which I am very, very disappointed.

To me, the outstanding business

that was to be brought before the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Conventions this year was the matter of the amalgamation of these two bodies with the organization called The United Farmers of Canada (Alberta Section). When the news came over the radio that they had amalgamated, even although I was here all alone, I exclaimed with delight that it had been accomplished. Not seeing a daily paper and missing further radio comments on the subject, it was a very unhappy surprise when a neighbor informed me that the amalgamation had not taken place. I shall not try to describe how I felt then.

Perhaps it would be wiser if I made no comment, as naturally one who was not present can not know all the details, but it is a subject that is so continually in my thoughts I cannot well help it. I cannot but judge as I fear many other people will. I make my comment because I think many others feel the same.

When I hopefully anticipated the amalgamation, I of course, did not think that all our differences were at an end. I must say, however, I have known some husbands and wives who were very much "one" but who differed very materially on some questions but at the same time they did not contemplate going to the divorce court! They tried to exchange viewpoints with a give and a take and realized that each helped the other. Would this not have been the case in this instance?

But I had better change the subject and talk about something else, say the weather. The comment must be that this year during Convention week the weather was such that all members of the different organizations and those who stayed at home as well would agree we had much, very much, for which to be thankful.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

When Japan Was Preparing

Canadian exports of scrap iron to Japan in 1939 were double as much as in 1936; of aluminum three and one-half times as much; nickel 17 times as much; copper 90 times as much. Our 1939 exports to Japan included \$6,506,134 in aluminum; \$8,577,127 in nickel; \$2,155,093 in copper; \$1,448,954 in asbestos. Thus Canadian business was stimulated; and in 1941 and 1942 a portion of these exported metals was no doubt returned to Canadians at Hong Kong, or distributed among British, Australian and Indian forces in Malaya and at Singapore, United States troops in the Philippines, and the Dutch in the East Indies. Sales of silk to Canada, used for stockings and other purposes, served largely to finance Japan's purchases. The attempt to organize a consumers' boycott of Japanese goods was largely a failure.

Instead of the usual exchange of Christmas gifts, members of Willow Springs U.F.W.A. each contributed 20 cents to the Milk for Britain fund. Aid is being given in the purchase of a piano for the school.

Saving Space

Teacher: "Tommy, why is your composition on milk only half a page when I asked for two pages?" Tommy: "Well, you see, I wrote about condensed milk."

THE SAILOR

My sister's lad goes down to the sea in ships—
The grim grey ships of war that steal away
Through veils of mist on long mysterious trips,
To vanquish the foes of freedom where they may.
The guns that pour red death from turrets and decks
Are fed by hands that were trained to the plough and pen,
And the ocean's breast is seared by the flaming wrecks
That symbolize war's demands on the lives of men.

My sister's lad would sit with his flaxen head
Bent over his books in the lamp-light's golden glow,
But now the lamp is dimmed and the books unread—
The ships sail on and on and the mails are slow.
A lonely vigil my sister is called to keep
With all the mothers of lads who are out on the deep.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

Activities of Farm Women's Locals

Loyalty U.F.W.A. are co-operating in a "White Elephant" community sale, as a war effort.

Starline U.F.W.A. have decided to serve no cake at their meetings, until the war ends.

Over \$35 was raised for war work by selling lunches at a sale, by Spring Valley U.F.W.A. (Lacombe).

Mrs. C. S. Watson and Mrs. J. Gower were elected officers of the new Piekardville U.F.W.A., recently organized.

Hazel Bluff U.F.W.A. (Westlock) are collecting old woollens and having them made into blankets for war relief. Two meetings are being devoted to receiving Convention reports.

After serving as secretary of Veteran U.F.W.A. for four successive years, Mrs. Robb retired at the annual meeting and was succeeded by Mrs. George Long. Mrs. Jack is president. The members are enjoying the course on foods, health and nutrition.

In aid of the Red Cross and war services, Leatholme U.F.W.A. (Chauvin) raised \$140 on a steer, as part of their work last year. In addition, they made a number of quilts for the Red Cross and for war refugees.

Programs supplied by Central Office were followed last year by Fairdonian Valley U.F.W.A., "with the utmost satisfaction," states the secretary's annual report. Bulletins are read at the meetings and usually some other matter of interest is discussed. All members are enthusiastic workers for the Red Cross. At a special meeting last summer, the Local's twenty-fifth anniversary was celebrated, all original members and their husbands were invited, and Mrs. W. Ross was guest speaker.

Farm Home and Garden

Curing Meat should be begun 24 to 36 hours after killing—before the meat has begun to freeze or decompose, and as soon as the animal heat has left it.

Preservatives generally used are salt, saltpetre, sugar, molasses, and smoke. Salt is most effective; the addition of sugar gives a better flavor, and prevents undue hardness of the lean meat. Saltpetre hastens the curing process, but must be used with great care, as it has a hardening effect, and would be poisonous if enough of it were used to cure the meat by itself. Smoke, besides being a preservative, improves the flavor and appearance of the meat.

Dry Cure: For every 50 lbs. of pork, mix thoroughly 4 pounds salt, 1-1/2 pounds brown sugar, 1-1/2 ounces saltpetre. Rub into the meat, taking particular care around the bones. Pack in crock or other suitable receptacle; cover closely and let stand seven days. This should be sufficient for small pieces; again rub the larger pieces and repack, reversing the order in which the pieces were formerly placed. Three days per pound per piece is recommended by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

Smoking: After the pieces are cured they can be smoked over a slow fire in a smoke-house, or by the application of a commercial liquid smoke preparation.

Cleaning Up after the work of cutting up meat, grinding sausages, rendering lard, etc., can be made much easier if several layers of paper are spread on tables and floor before starting. The top sheets can be removed as they become greasy.

Mashed Turnips: Slice and peel 1 firm yellow turnip, 1-1/2 to 2 pounds; cook in boiling salted water for 10 minutes; add 2 medium-sized potatoes, peeled and diced, and 1 teaspoon sugar; cook until tender, drain and mash; season with salt, pepper and butter; add hot milk to make the consistency of mashed potatoes; beat until light.

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Youth Looks to Co-ops. as Way to Security

By HENRY DYER for the
Co-operative League News Service

CHICAGO, Feb. 18th.—The National Congress of Youth for Democracy meeting on the University of Chicago campus recently, placed particular emphasis on the co-operative movement as a means of bringing about economic security through displacing one of the major causes of recurring wars. Student delegates from all parts of the country took part in the conference, which was called by the Youth Committee for Democracy, successor to the Youth Committee Against War.

Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, chairman of the Committee on the Church and Co-operatives of the Federal Council of Churches, was the main speaker at the banquet. He gave a splendid picture of the rapid growth of the co-operative movement over the last few years and the need of co-operation, both during the war and the economic rehabilitation after the war.

At a special section of the congress devoted to co-operatives, farm and labor problems, the following were discussion leaders: Warren Nelson of the Fellowship Farm, Wisconsin; Robert Overstreet, manager, Consumers Co-operative Services, Chicago; and Robert Beshears, also of Consumers Co-operative Services.

Junior News Items

An Amateur Program, with War Savings stamps as prizes, in the Chesternere Hall, and a skating party, were February gatherings arranged by Conrich U.F.A. Juniors.

The Red Cross benefitted to the extent of \$30 from a dance held recently by Griffin Creek Juniors (Brownvale). A skiing party was also enjoyed by these young people.

Clairmont Juniors hope to obtain more members at a skating party to be held February 27th. Cigarettes were sent to each of the local boys overseas, by decision of the last meeting.

Mellowdale Junior U.F.A. Local was recently organized with fifteen paid-up members. Swen Ronaasen is president and Herman Burke secretary.

Milk for Britain



Hal Rogers, Toronto, founder of the Kinsmen club, 22 years ago, is the man behind the organization's Dominion-wide drive to send 2,500,000 quarts of milk to British children by July 1.

The last meeting of Willowdale U.F.W.A. (Oshatun) was given over to a discussion of quilt-making for the Red Cross.

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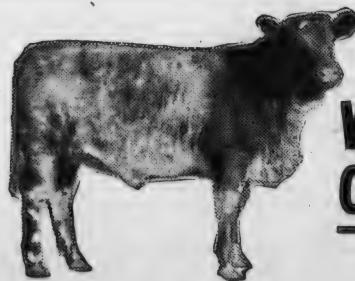
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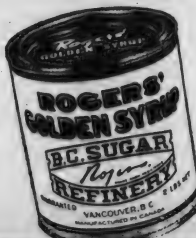
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Britain and Germany Deal With Farm Labor Shortage by Contrasting Methods

A striking contrast is presented by the methods used in England and in Germany to deal with the shortage of farm labor—a problem that has been acute in both countries during the war. The Nazi method is to organize a compulsory labor front; in addition to Germans, over a million foreign farm workers—war prisoners and civilians, Poles, Czechs, Danes, Netherlands, Belgians, Frenchmen—are doing enforced labor on German farms. In Britain, on the other hand, states Foreign Crops and Markets,

such measures have been taken as increasing the minimum wage for farm workers, building hostels for their accommodation, assuring them of a full work week, and establishing classes for training both men and women in agricultural work.

"Coming Social Order"

"The Coming Social Order" is to be the subject of an address, in Calgary on March 13th, by Rev. Harry F. Ward, Ph.D., of the Union Seminary, New York. Dr. Ward, who has twice lectured at the Alberta School of Religion, spent a year in Russia as an exchange professor.

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Ask Primary Costs Be Protected When Basic Prices Set

Dairy Producers Urge Consideration—Alberta Dairymen's Assn. Holds Important Sessions

In fixing basic prices for dairy production, the Federal Price Control Board was asked by the Producers' Section of the Alberta Dairymen's Association in Calgary last week to "protect the primary costs of production." Chairman J. T. Cullen of Calgary presided over this section.

Creamery Butter Minimum

Requesting the Dominion Government through its Dairy Products Board to "institute a minimum value for this creamery butter production season, similar in principle to the 1941 plan, excepting that it be made to cover a full twelve months' period," the Alberta Dairymen's Association, in full Convention urged that this plan include "a reasonable return for carrying charges on butter stored for future use." It was further asked that "in setting these values, recognition by way of increased minimum value over the 1941 values be made." By this means, it was pointed out, "these increased minimum values would be in fair relation to 1942 values of other dairy products." The resolution will be forwarded to Ottawa.

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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT
Superintendent of Publicity,
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The feeding of wheat to livestock is going on throughout Canada on a larger scale than ever before in the country's history. It is estimated that 60 million bushels of wheat will be fed to livestock during the 1941-42 crop year, as compared with 48 million bushels in 1940-41.

The domestic disappearance of wheat in Canada, mainly as a result of increased livestock feeding of that grain, will be at a high figure, but even if the total reaches so high a figure as 150 million bushels, there will still be available for export and carryover on July 31st, 1942, some 390 million bushels of Canadian wheat.

Wheat and wheat flour exports up to the present have been substantially larger than a year ago. However, last spring and early summer saw a huge export business in Canadian wheat. If the same situation prevails during the coming spring, Canadian exports for the crop year may approximate 240 million bushels.

It is expected that the Federal Government's wheat policy will be announced in the very near future. Rumors at Ottawa suggest that the price may be 90c a bushel for One Northern wheat at the terminal.

Winter precipitation has been below normal throughout Alberta as was the rainfall last autumn. Thus more reliance will have to be placed on spring moisture to bring along the crop.

was expressed by way of resolution for affiliation with the Dairy Farmers' of Canada, the new Dominion-wide dairy farmers organization. The general committee, which collects levies from producers, was asked to provide the funds.

The section meeting was held jointly with the Dairy Cattle Breeders' Association, who introduced a resolution, which was passed, providing that in future years each breeders' association will select its delegate to the annual meeting instead of at the Dairymen's Convention, as in the past.

The delegates expressed appreciation to the Alberta Department of Agriculture for action taken in respect to cow testing and fostering of dairy clubs, and also for arranging field days.

Officers Elected

Officers of the Producers' Section were elected as follows: President, J. R. Crozier, St. Albert; vice-president, Joseph Standish, Midnapore; secretary-treasurer, J. B. Ritchie, South Edmonton; directors, Reed Clarke, Didsbury; A. G. Campbell, Edmonton; J. W. Hosford, South Edmonton.

Officers of the Manufacturers' Section, all re-elected, are D. Morkeberg, Markerville, chairman; Howard C. Shiplett, Edmonton, vice-chairman; secretary-treasurer, F. J. Reynolds, Edmonton; directors, C. E. Christensen, Edmonton; Ellis A. Johnstone, Red Deer; H. E. Petersen, Calgary; T. M. Carlyle, Calgary; W. H. Jackson, Innisfail.

Elected president of the Alberta Dairymen's Association was Mr. Shiplett, succeeding J. B. Ritchie, who was elected first vice-president, with W. L. Perkey of Calgary second vice-president; Dairy Commissioner D. H. McCallum, secretary-treasurer; directors J. R. Crozier, St. Albert; D. Morkeberg, Markerville; J. A. Hay, Strathmore; and John Maden, Buford.

Honor E. W. Light

During the Convention honor was done to E. W. Light, a pioneer of the dairy industry in Alberta, who has retired for a well-earned rest from his position of many years as resident butter grader in Calgary, and will live on his farm near Edson. He was presented with an excellent clock, the gift of members of the Association.

The Convention proved most successful, in spite of the fact that the shortage of help on the farms due to

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Feb. 18th.—Trading is brisk and prices steady to a little higher on the cattle market. Good butcher steers are selling \$9 to \$9.50, choice light up to \$10, common to medium \$7.50 to \$8.75; medium good heifers \$7.50 to \$9, common \$7 down; medium good fed calves \$9 to \$10; good light cows are \$6.50 to \$7, common to medium \$5 to \$6.25 with canners and cutters \$3.50 to \$4.50. Medium good bulls are \$6.50 to \$7.50; good-veal calves \$10 to \$11, common to medium \$7 to \$9.50; medium good stocker and feeder steers \$7 to \$8.50. Hogs are \$13.75 B1 at yards, up to \$13.85 at plants, sows \$7.50 liveweight at yards, feeders \$9.75 to \$10.50. Good handyweight lambs are \$10 to \$10.50.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Feb. 18th.—Good action is reported on the cattle market with light receipts and prices holding firm. Good to choice fed calves are \$9 to \$9.50; good to choice steers \$8.75 to \$9.50, common to medium \$5 to \$8; good to choice heifers \$8 to \$8.50, common to medium \$4.50 to \$7.50; good light cows are \$6.25 to \$6.75; good heavy cows \$6 to \$6.25, fair to medium \$4.50 to \$6. Canners and cutters are selling at \$3.25 to \$4.50; good bulls \$6.50 to \$7, common \$5 to \$6. Stocker and feeder steers are \$7.50 to \$8, heifers \$6.50 down and cows \$5 down. Good to choice handyweight calves are \$10 to \$11, others \$6.50 to \$9.50. Hogs are \$14.25 basic for Coast shipment, \$13.85 basic at plants. Liveweight sows are \$7 to \$8, \$8.75 to \$9.25 dressed; feeders \$9.50 to \$9.75. Swine producers are advised now to get a supply of reduced iron to prevent anemia in winter and spring litters. Good to choice handyweight lambs are \$9.50 to \$10, yearlings \$8 down and ewes \$5 down.

war conditions somewhat reduced attendance. Among events of the week were valuable addresses by Dairy Commissioner McCallum, Prof. J. C. Knott of Washington State College, Clara Belle Webb, Linden Junior Dairy Calf Club, Mr. Light, H. L. Patterson, of the Marketing Service of the Federal Department of Agriculture, C. Boch of Burns & Co., Calgary, Dr. J. B. Linneboe, Dairy Bacteriologist, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton; F. W. Wood, Dairy Branch, Dept. of Agriculture, Edmonton; R. D. Sinclair, acting Dean of Agriculture, University of Alberta; and H. R. Thornton of the same faculty; W. C. Cameron, associate Chief of the Dairy Products Grading and Inspection Services, Ottawa.

The office of toastmaster was most capably filled at the concluding banquet by Deputy Minister of Agriculture J. R. Sweeney, who had been in attendance throughout the Convention.

OTTAWA LETTER

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effort, for men and women are needed in war industry, adequate labor is needed on farms and men are needed to handle the war equipment turned out by the factories.

A principle that will be followed is based on the obvious truth that only young men can serve in the armed forces while older men and to some extent women can play an increasingly important part in the manufacture of munitions of war.

The Minister of National Defence has already stated that 100,000 more men will be needed for the active army in the coming year, 80,000 more for the air force and 13,000 for the navy, while about 100,000 more will be enrolled in the factories. The number of men given military training will undoubtedly be largely increased. The situation obviously demands it.

Farm Policy Not Announced

Beyond the announcement that the Government will appropriate one million dollars for fertilizer for Eastern farmers to increase the production of livestock feed, little has been learned of the Government's policy following

Sends Subscriptions for 44 Members

Cereal U.F.A. Local a few weeks ago sent in subscriptions for 18 members. During the past week S. Macell, the Secretary, has forwarded a further cheque covering subscriptions for 44 members in this Local, a substantial proportion of them new members. The Local, one of the most active in the field of co-operative purchasing of farm supplies, is steadily growing in strength. The course which it has taken in sending in subscriptions to the paper for its members is much appreciated. Various other Locals are following a similar course and if others should do so in sufficient numbers, the ability of The Western Farm Leader to give service to the movement would be much increased.

Dairy Market

An increase of 1 cent a pound on creamery butter, early last week, brings market quotations up to, or close to, the price ceiling. The increase indicates a slightly stronger market, and reflects an improved stock position. On January 1st Canadian butter stocks were ten million pounds above those on the same date a year ago, but on February 1st they were only 4,612,000 pounds more than the stocks on February 1st, 1941. This reduction in stocks is partly due, in turn, to decreased production: in January of this year Canadian creameries made 10,701,000 pounds, some 8.9 per cent less than in January of last year. Current quotations 34-1/2 at Toronto, 35-1/8 at Montreal, 33-1/2 at Vancouver; local prices are 34 cents for prints and 31 cents for first grade butterfat.

the recent farmers' convention in Ottawa.

Answering a statement alleged to have been made by Premier Hepburn of Ontario, that 45,000 men had been discharged from the forces mostly because they had taken colds or tuberculosis because of lack of proper clothing, Colonel Ralston pointed out that of an aggregate enlistment of over 300,000, only 1,499 men were found unfit because of tuberculosis, and that of 130,000 men overseas only 55 were found with this disease.

J. W. Noseworthy, C.C.F., defeated Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen in last week's by-election by 16,464 to 11,979 votes. Premier Mitchell Hepburn had actively supported Mr. Meighen. The new Cabinet members, Louis St. Laurent and Humphrey Mitchell, and Liberal D. G. Feuteux, were also successful, new "Canadian" party candidates in Quebec going down to defeat.

The gasoline shortage is becoming worse, said Hon. C. D. Howe on Tuesday.

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Replies to Enquiries

Mortgage Not Yet Outlawed

QUIZ.—The Mortgage in question is not yet outlawed although after April 8th it may be. The amendment to the Statute of Limitation passed by the Legislature on April 8th, 1941, which reduced the period of limitation with respect to Mortgages and Agreements for Sale from ten years to six years, comes into effect after April 8th, 1942. Your letter states you have not made any payment on the Mortgage since November, 1935. Before advising you whether or not the Mortgage would be outlawed after April 8th, 1942, I would have to know whether or not you have signed any letter or other acknowledgment of the debt in writing since that date.

Fee in Divorce Action

S.A.—There is no fixed fee for handling a divorce action. As in the case of any other litigation, the fee depends entirely upon the nature of the case, that is whether the case is defended, the amount of evidence to be briefed and the length of trial. For ordinary undefended actions I believe the fee may run from \$100.00 to \$150.00. I am afraid you cannot have the action completed by spring as it takes from four to six months to complete such proceedings and sometimes considerably longer.

Responsibility for Taxes

T.C.—Your letter states you moved on the land in 1938 and you have spent considerable money and labor on improvements. Having been in possession, therefore, since 1938, I think the vendor in this case is justified in holding you responsible for taxes. You must remember this vendor can exercise much greater rights than the ordinary vendor of land. Apart from any other consideration, if you do not pay taxes the land can be put up for sale and subsequently acquired under the Tax Recovery Act.

Trust Company and Executorship

M.L.—If your estate is sufficiently large to justify the appointment of a Trust Company as executor, the Will should be drawn by a solicitor, and the Trust Company will in any event require this. Without knowing more about your estate I cannot express any opinion as to whether or not a Trust Company should be appointed.

Defence Tax and Wages

J.E.B.—When money is deducted from wages by an employer for Defence Tax or Workmen's Compensation, there are not necessarily any papers for the wage earner to sign. Unemployment Insurance is compulsory in certain industries and each employee or wage earner must sign a form which he holds and there is a book for each employee which he can ask to see. The amount of National Defence Tax depends upon whether a man is married or single and the amount of his wages. For information write to the Secretary of the Inspector of Income Tax at Calgary with respect to Defence Tax or the Secretary of the Workmen's Compensation Board at Edmonton with respect to Workmen's Compensation.

Pensioner and Share of Crop

A.B.C.—I do not think the Old Age Pension Board would have any right to seize your share of crop on the land in question when rented from the Municipal District. I further think a solicitor might make a satisfactory adjustment with the Old Age Pension Board, and advise you to consult one.

(Other answers next issue. Any paid-up subscriber to The Leader may submit a question. Subscription is \$1.00 per year. Answers cannot be sent by mail.)

Consular representatives are being exchanged between Canada and the U.S.S.R.

Face Meat Shortage in S.A.

From a threatened glut two years ago, the meat situation in the Union of South Africa has changed to a shortage, due to drought in many districts and to increased local demand.

To Preserve Tractor Tires

Correct air pressure is the most important factor in prolonging the life of farm tractor tires, according to a statement by engineers of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. For 4-ply front tires, "all sizes, they recommended 28 pounds air pressure; for 6-ply front tires, 36 pounds; for rear tires, 12 pounds for 4-ply and 12 to 16 pounds for 6-ply. For plowing, pressure on the furrow wheel tire should be increased 4 pounds.

Livestock production in Alberta last year was valued at \$61,846,895, dairy production \$28,037,075, poultry \$9,706,000 and wheat \$41,595,000, said Hon. S. E. Low in his Budget speech.

Reduction of \$25,476 was made by Alberta co-operatives in the amount of Government guarantees in the fiscal year ending in March last.

Mr. Hog Producer A Frank Letter to You

Dear Sir:

Now that prices, grades and services are equal, and we are at war, cannot we meet your future problems with the strength of more united effort? Frankly, to make this effort more and more effective your organisation needs all your livestock shipments. Tell me how your organisation is to speak for you if the authorities say, "How about the other half of you fellows outside?" Surely the words, "Too little and too late" are not to describe your effort.

Recent advantageous legislation, from which we all benefitted, and will benefit, has established that it takes strong organisation to look after farmers' interests, as the trend of legislation is to keep the Producer and every NECESSARY Unit in business. While the private Grain Trade and the Grain Pools are now rivalling each other at pressing farmers' claims, the private Livestock trade, still greatly patronised, surely cannot look after you without any organisation at all.

Took Vigorous Agitation

It has taken vigorous agitation and heartbreaking organisation to get where we are, and the present is just "shot and shell prosperity" as we know too well. Respectfully we'd better be building now into an organisation to handle the problems to follow. We hear a lot about "frozen assets" these days, but your hogs are as good as frozen, as far as your future welfare goes, if you don't build a serviceable Pool with them as you go; and not by reserve deductions either, just by deliveries.

We may never have a chance like this again.

The action of the celebrated Tolpuddle martyrs, the six land-workers of Dorset, England, who in 1834 were sentenced to seven years' transportation because they tried to organise to resist a reduction of their weekly wages from \$1.75 to \$1.50 stands out, and during the last War there was a different Hog price at every station in Canada, less and less as you came West. Have you forgotten so soon? We are all reaping, Pool patrons or outside of the Pools, from all the organisation sown, but everyone should take a hand in it.

EVERYBODY KNOWS THE WHOLE BUSINESS IS STILL PUMPING TOO MUCH OIL.

We are co-ordinating yours with the War effort. We simply ask for the elimination of wasteful practices, and Gas, Rubber, and Transportation conservation, vital to our war effort, follows.

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THINGS of VALUE

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The Alberta Wheat Pool, as the leading co-operative organization in this province, suggests to all farmers that these are the things of value. It also offers the suggestion that this movement should have a greater measure of support throughout the Alberta countryside.

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Doubtless if there were three Banks in Eckville all would get some patronage, but the Banks have more sense. They are organised. In fact, we find in business everyone but ourselves united to prevent waste, and with the Government right behind them.

That's something, putting it up to ourselves to "clean house". Nothing can be done about it otherwise. Half the road is theirs—the private trades—but it would be a great place for a Controller, or better yet for individual YOU to begin.

Suppose we try voluntary control, and get back to the Pool and start from there. No longer is the Pool going to stand on the sidelines, and let the private trade handle your weigh-scales at ANY point, and I have noticed a wrong approach to this weigh-scale position. It is something like this: "I helped with my Hogs to put these scales there, and I can weigh to the man I please", but remember you appointed the Pool as your trustee that still maintains your properties, insures them against fire, and pays taxes.

All Strictly Managed

It is untrue that the Co-operatives are not strictly managed. The Wheat-Pool, your Condensery, and your livestock effort all stand established, although all of them had to withstand criticism from within as well as without, and deflection

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Veterinary Questions and Answers

Bloody Milk

E.R., Richard, Sask.—An 8-year-old cow in good flesh, and fed hay, oat sheaves, oat chop with bran, gives very bloody milk since freshening a week ago. Is there anything I can do to clear up this condition? Your Veterinary section of questions and answers is much appreciated.

Ans.—Bloody milk is a symptom of any of the following conditions—Mastitis (Garget), mechanical injury to udder or Tuberculosis infection of the udder. The operation of milking also may aggravate a tendency to hemorrhage if the udder is injured or inflamed.

Treatment consists in determining the cause if possible. Milk out the udder completely at least four times a day at regular intervals. Bathe the

udder with cold water, then dry and apply Camphorated Oil with gentle massage. Avoid an excessively rich diet. Administer an occasional dose of Epsom Salts (about 1 lb.) as needed. Also give a tablespoonful of Saltpetre once a day. Should the hemorrhage persist have a Veterinarian examine cow.

Pigs' Ears Swollen

A.A., Wayne.—Some of my pigs are getting swellings of the right ear. It doesn't seem to affect their general health, but I should like to know the reason and possible cure.

Ans.—It is rather hard to say just what is causing these swellings. Sometimes pigs scuffling or fighting bite each other's ears, which may become infected and cause such swellings and abscess formation. If this is the condition, these abscesses can be opened and treated with some antiseptic solution.

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Hello, Folks!

Sally, the sophisticated co-ed, tells us a lot of college boys aren't anything to write home about.

According to a U.S. university professor, "Blushing is merely a form of thinking". Explaining, of course, says Knotty Frankie, why the modern girl doesn't blush.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Marriage is what teaches a man that he isn't fit company for himself.

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, tells us she fell through the ice while skating. Yep, she chortled, but I managed to keep cool.

She was only a dress maker's daughter, but she always acted just sew.

And boys, if you think love is blind, just steer your girl friend around a jewellery store.

THIS IS TERRIBLE

Down south bandits held up a cosmetic store. Looking for a booty treatment, no doubt.

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In spite of their recent successes, our guess is that the Japanese will Singapore song before the war is ended.

TORY MOTTO

Meighen, Meighen, tekell upharsin.

Too many men stand and howl when they've gone to the dogs.

Postcard from Cynical Gus says that often the laughter of the rich represents the tears of the poor.

TODAY'S BRIGHT OOZE

Even a man who's on the level has his ups and downs.

According to a London minister, twice as many plump girls get married as do thin ones. No doubt his estimate is in round figures.

"Man's Death Fatal"—headline in an Indianapolis paper. Maybe that's what they call live news down there.

Strange as it may sound, the shorn lambs of Wall Street are usually a lot of goats.

HYMN OF HATE

A guy we hate is Wilfred Blette; He's never got a cigarette.

According to a New York criminologist, most convicts are repeaters. They evidently believe that one good term deserves another.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is.

DICTOGRAPHED IN CALGARY

Jo: How's your cold?

Bo: Not so hot.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied, a man with an open countenance can keep his mouth shut.

According to the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, educated people are those who worry about the things that other people don't bother to learn about.

Wally, our incurable bach., insists that a cold wife is bound to cause a hot house.

According to a Montreal writer, beauty is only a question of taste. In which case, snorts Knotty-Frankie, it's about time Eileen changed the flavor of her lipstick.

Crusty Bill postcards to say that no woman will admit that she's as old as her neighbors think she is.

Before marriage a man doesn't really know his wife. Afterwards, says Cynical Gus, he daren't no her.

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